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Note verbale dated 11 August 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the violation by the Russian Federation of the provisions of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty

The delegation of Ukraine to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference Mr. Michael Møller and has the honour to transmit herewith the comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the violation by the Russian Federation of the provisions of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles.

The delegation of Ukraine would appreciate it if this Comment could be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and circulated to all member States and observer States of the Conference

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Comment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the violation by the Russian Federation of the provisions of the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its deep concern about the emergence of information on the violation by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Nuclear Forces (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF Treaty)) of 1988.

In accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Treaty, Russia as one of its Sides pledged to eliminate its intermediate- and shorter-range missiles, not to possess and do not produce such missiles in the future, and not to carry out their flight tests.

Russia's violation of its obligations under the INF Treaty, its neglect of the provisions of the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances in connection with the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as well as aggression against Ukraine has indicated conscious continuation of the course chosen by the Russian leadership to undermine European and global security, erode the international legal framework in the area of strategic stability and arms control.

Ukraine, which once eliminated this class of missiles on its territory, continues to steadily adhere to the INF provisions.

Ukraine, having made an unprecedented contribution to the nuclear disarmament, supports the efforts of the international community on ways to reduce the global tensions, countering threats of the spread and use of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.